

## SJC Students Experience the Wild Wild Midwest

By Ethan Merrick, Staff Writer

It's a Wild Wild Midwest out there, and if you were to have looked out your window Cowboys, Super Heroes, Villains, students with legwarmers-aviator sunglasses-hair that stretched from here to tomorrow, students with fistfuls of sidewalk chalk, and students displaying the Purple and Cardinal colors with pride would be seen walking up and down the sidewalks of the College. Yes, it's that time again where school spirit is best displayed with grease paint, sidewalk chalk, capes and masks, and Stetsons. It's Homecoming Week 2008.

Tuesday students put on their Stetsons, leather chaps,

cowboy boots, and grabbed a handful of chalk for the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. The Sidewalk Chalk drawings stretched from outside the Halleck Student Center all the way to the Arts and Science Building. The drawings ranged from a Puma in cowboy boots and a Stetson to Invader Zim drawn by Ben Geels. When asked, "Where's the Puma?" Ben explained that he was too late to sign up for the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, but, still wanting to participate, he went over to Wal-mart and bought his own chalk. Not being part of the official contest he was able to draw whatever he wanted.

Wednesday the College became a sort of small Comic Book Convention, but without all the comic book

venders, has-been Science Fiction actors signing autographs, and middle-aged men living in their mother's basement. In the Cafeteria you would see one of the Incredibles or a Cat, walking down the sidewalk you would pass the Joker, or you would find yourself sitting across from Bellatrix Lestrange [from the Harry Potter book series] in class. Wednesday morning junior Math and English major, Mike Koscielny donned his cape and mask and became Awesome Man [a reference to a Steven Lynch song]. When asked if he was glad that the College had no revolving doors, which have always been the bane of cape wearing Super Heroes, Mike answered, "As Awesome Man I fear no revolving doors!"

Anyone passing by the College Thursday would have thought they were on the set of a John Hughes movie. Students wore their legwarmers, thick plastic sunglasses, neon shirts with the MTV logo, stretched sweaters, and hair not seen since the Hair Metal Bands of the late 1980s.

Friday everywhere you looked Purple and Cardinal, Pumas, paw prints, and Saint Joseph's College were on every chest, back, leg, and mouth of every student on campus. When asked where his school spirit was Freshman Jake Hellinga patted his heart where the words Pumas was stitched and said, "Right here."



Junior Mike Koscielny strikes a pose as Awesome man. (Photo courtesy of Ethan Merrick)

## Homecoming Brings Out More Than the Football Fans

By Morgan Meyers, Staff Writer

After a week of waiting the stands were packed as students, faculty, family, and alumni gathered for Saturday's Homecoming game.

Beyond watching the game, a mechanical bull, blowup bouncy ducks, a bouncy slide and bouncy obstacle course, were available as entertainment for kids and students alike. A beer and brat tent setup was also out for everyone to enjoy, though the beer was available only to those who were 21 or older.

Students cheered and chanted, rang purple cowbells, and made signs and props to support the football team in their own special section in the bleachers. Band and colorguard, a twirler, and the dance team also put on a halftime show to keep the crowd pumped for the close game. Germany Harris, a freshman, said that the game had a, "...very exciting atmosphere. It was a little hot, but you got to represent that Puma football!" Jordan Leising also exclaimed that, "Football is always exciting! I'm glad that so many Pumas came out to support our team!"

Not only were current students enthused to be there. Alumni from all over came to celebrate on campus. Donna Zimmerman, who is involved on



Pictured at the left: Students cheer and show off their Puma pride at Homecoming, the first game of the season. (Photo courtesy of Morgan Meyers).

the Alumni Board, was there to celebrate her 35<sup>th</sup> year since graduation. "It's always special," said Zimmerman, "to come to campus on Homecoming day and get to see all of my friends and professors." Charlie Dillon—the senior President of the 1979 class—said that he was the "...last class to live in Drexel Hall. It was the greatest place to live, and had the greatest guys." Joe Dillon agreed, "Drexel was the best four years of my life!"

Abigail Gazda, who plays on the basketball team, summed up the day, "The band was great, the cheerleaders were fun to watch, and the game was

thrilling! There was so much to watch and do. Homecoming was wonderful!"

Pictured below: Ben Reasner tries his hand at staying on the Bull at the kid zone. (Photo courtesy of Morgan Meyers).



## Laser Tag Fires Students Up

By Andrew Dudich, Staff Writer

Techno music pulsed, strobe lights flashed, and laser tag was a huge success. The Student Union Board sponsored Vertical Edge Entertainment to temporarily install a laser tag court in the Halleck Ballroom on Wednesday of Homecoming week. Needless to say, students were immediately drawn in by this intense game. "Laser tag was tons of fun!" exclaims junior History major Bailey Snider.

"Who wouldn't want to run around in the dark shooting people with lasers?" Brandon Bennett, a freshman English Education major and expert laser marksman, was delighted, "It was pretty amazing. I hadn't played in a long time." Bennett joined the Student Union Board this fall

and is looking forward to the other activities that SUB will be offering throughout the year. Be sure to thank SUB for all of the Homecoming events they helped to sponsor and then bone up on your James Bond skills for next year.



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# Braun Encourages Responsible Consumption of Beer Through Cooking

By Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer

In the basement of the chapel on campus, there is something a-brewing. Something that definitely smells different. Something smells... good. There is beer being turned from amber alcohol into delicious dishes before the eyes of a small crowd of enthusiastic “foodies,” as Eric Braun calls them. And he should know- he’s the one teaching them.



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Braun also knows what he is talking about. He opened his class with a story of his vacation when he and a friend went to Iron Chef Morimoto’s restaurant in Philadelphia. He had a dish there that the famous Iron Chef claimed no person could name all the seasonings he used for it. Chef Braun, though? He named every single one of them. Just the person anyone who is nervous about experimenting in new cooking should go to in order to learn the tricks of the trade. Eighteen months ago, Eric Braun, Saint Joe’s very own

chef, began classes at the end of every month, on the last Thursday, to teach students and members of the surrounding community the best tips in preparing delicious food. It happens in the C.P.P.S. dining room beneath the chapel, near Cup o’ Joe. After eighteen months, Chef Braun has quite a following. “About thirty people who try to come to all the classes,” Braun said before the class began. “We’ve even done some weddings from this, and some catering too.” Each week has a certain theme, the 29<sup>th</sup> being beer,

including recipes for beer brownies, beer bread, beer and mushroom soup, and beer cocktails, three of which were on display for of age participants to try. “The subject matter rotates,” Braun explained. Look in the trusty Puma guide to see when the next class is and what the new theme will be. The classes are sponsored by the Department of Continuing Education as a part of the college. If any students are interested in learning some interesting ways to prepare food, simply contact Mark Brouwer. The cost is only fifteen dollars per class, a small price for the

chance to escape the repetition of microwavable ramen and mac and cheese. “It’s a great way to reach the community and to feel like a part of the Saint Joseph community,” Brouwer said. What was his favorite dish from the classes? The black bean burger with corn salsa.

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Mark Brouwer



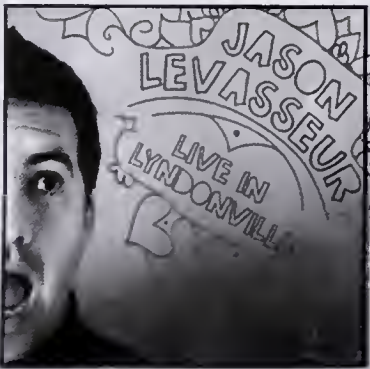
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# Jason Levasseur Rocks Out Homecoming Week

By Franciso Gonzalez, Staff Writer

It was about ten till nine and the theatre was reasonably packed with a good turnout of the devoted and the curious. Then as the main stage lights illuminated the stage, an uproar of applause and cheers filled the theater as Jason Lavassuer came out waving to all who braved the wet weather to come and see him perform. This performance was seen as one of the major events that were to take place on this year’s homecoming week. And it was one of the most widely anticipated events too. Having arrived from Nashville the very same day of

his performance, Levassuer explained how he was very pleased to be among the St. Joseph College community again. He also expressed how he “felt at home once he went to the cafeteria,” which was only the start of the many in between song jokes that he told throughout the night.



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Soon he began to perform a string of songs that included a few by local songwriters, some of his own as well as known hits such as Joe Cocker’s hit, “With a Little Help by my Friends” as well as “Time After Time.” Then towards the end of the show he began to singing his own songs and then accompanying them with medleys of popular songs from the past ten years including Elton John’s “Can you Feel the Love Tonight.” The concert lasted a little over an hour, but the overall reaction by the audience was ecstatic. It seems as though Jason Lavassuer will be widely anticipated once he announces his return to St. Joseph College.

# Saint Joseph’s Academy Kicks off a New Year

By Elysse Hillyer, Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph’s Academy is a program on Saturday mornings for local children to give education students at Saint Joseph’s College the experience of working with children to help them later in the classroom. Kids in grades Pre-K through fifth are split up by grades unless the groups are too small and then they are combined. The students in the older grades learn more in depth about the subjects, while the students in the younger grades learn more about the basics. Last year the kids did a unit on the water cycle in the fall and learned many of the specific terms used to describe how the water cycle works. In the spring semester the SJA did a unit

on the five senses and made art to help them better understand how the body works. This semester’s unit starts Saturday, September 13 and runs for the following three Saturdays. The theme this semester is Eric Carl, an author that I am sure many are familiar with. Some of hois most famous works inculde “The Hungery Hungry Caterpillar” and “Brown Bear Brown Bear” The kids who come have a great time learning and spending time with the students from Saint Joseph’s College. The education students from the college also have a blast with the kids and are getting good field experience at the same time. The Academy is also a good way for the students at Saint Joseph’s College to give back to the community they live in to make it a better place. Freshman Maggie Schmitt said “I’m really excited about SJA because this will be my first time in itand I’m excited to get to know some of the kids in the community and have an awesome time with them. I’ll also get to lay a foundation. I can’t wait.”

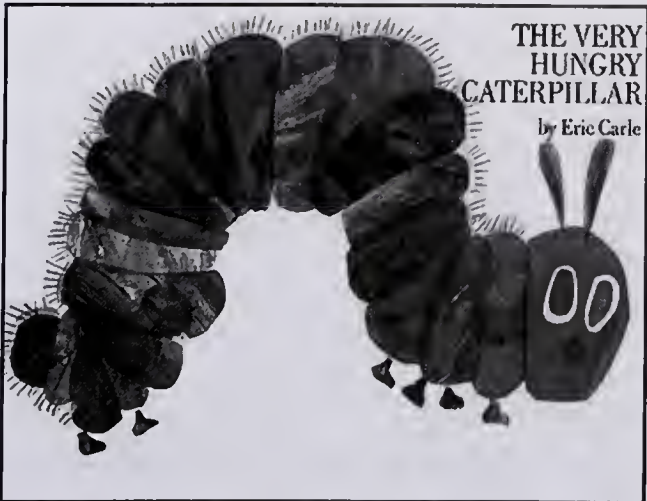


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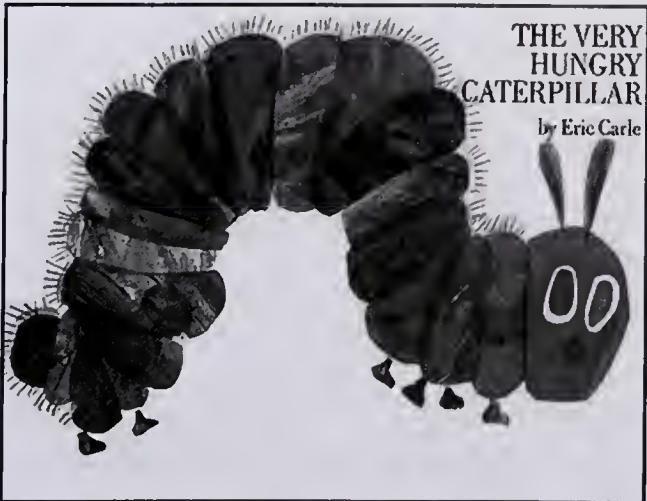
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# The Question is not “To Drink or Not to Drink,” but “Who Should Drink”

**By Mike Koscielny**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

I see students carrying large bag of books, griping about their cost. The second floor of the Core building is alive with activity as professors plan lessons and assignments for their students. The fountain outside Halleck is a nice shade of bacteria green.

Another academic year has begun.

The school year at SJC has started with the same amount of pomp as any other year—acknowledging the added flavors of a little gastro-intestinal delight. However, as the SJC populous contradicted what I said during that forever awkward “alcohol talk” I gave to my freshman and tried to make sure their first weekend on campus was all that it could be, alcohol had filled headlines across the country.

Beginning about a month ago, more than 125 current and former college presidents signed a petition calling for the reconsideration of U.S. drinking age laws, specifically the minimum age of 21. This movement, started by John McCardell, former president at Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT, has been named the Amethyst Initiative.

In honor of Dr. Garrity, the word amethyst is derived from the Ancient Greek words

meaning “not intoxicated.” And for the history majors, in Greek mythology, Amethyst was a girl who incurred the wrath of the god Dionysus after he became intoxicated. Amethyst cried to the goddess of chastity Diana for help and she turned the girl into a white stone. Discovering what had happened, Dionysus wept; as his tears fell into his goblet, the wine spilled over the white rock, turning it purple.

However, the Amethyst Initiative is a call from college presidents to do three things. “We call upon our elected officials: To support an informed and dispassionate public debate over the effects of the 21 year-old drinking age. To consider whether the 10% highway fund “incentive” encourages or inhibits that debate. To invite new ideas about the best ways to prepare young adults to make responsible decisions about alcohol.” (<http://www.amethystinitiative.org/statement/>):

Scanning the list of signatories, I only found two Indiana schools on the list. Consuming alcohol for the first time this summer (the weekend after my 21st birthday) and having my own opinions about the drinking age debate, I wondered if there was a reason for the absence of my beloved institution, little old SJC. Talking to President Mills about the

Initiative was insightful and I wish there was just simply a transcript of our conversation that I could simply print for fear of not doing his opinions and stories justice.

Mills acknowledges one of the primary arguments cited by the Initiative. It is difficult to provide adequate and proper alcohol education to students when legally, abstinence is the only option. Any student who has ever been a freshman leader will agree. Sitting in front of freshman and telling them they are not allowed to drink when you should be talking to them about responsibility if they choose to indulge is an awkward feeling.

“I don’t want to sound like an old fogey, but I was a Dean of Students when the drinking age was still 18,” Mills said. “There was a different mindset about drinking then and the rules for drinking were radically different. Just because everyone could drink didn’t mean that there were parties all the time”

“Draconian” was the adjective he used later in our interview when he explained more of the rules for drinking on campus then. Parties had to be registered with campus life and were not allowed in certain places, specifically the resident’s halls out of respect for students that were studying. Mills also

pointed out that all of our buildings were built during this time, therefore designed to have lounges separate from the rest of the hall to reduce noise. All parties also had to provide information about how many people would be in attendance, as well as what alcohol would be served. There was a requirement that food must be served at parties as well.

In response to the Amethyst Initiative directly, Mills said he was not “unilaterally against it,” but to justify changing the law, he thought proof would need to be provided about how it would save lives. The question for him is would more lives be saved.

“There is statistical proof that DWIs have gone down since the law was passed to change the drinking age to 21,” Mills said. “But there are other possible reasons for that, including constantly improved safety features in cars.”

One argument the Amethyst Initiative poses is lowering the age will decrease the percentage of underage drinkers who binge . Mills finds this to be questionable, saying binge drinking is a lonely activity.

“In social settings where alcohol is being consumed, if someone is throwing back quite a few drinks, their friends, the hosts of the party, or anyone can step in and tell them they’ve had

enough,” Mills explained. “And if I could believe that binge drinking could be stopped with changing the rule, I would consider it.”

Both sides of the argument cite and claim studies to support them, but most of the opponents of the Initiative simply claim that it is a cop-out by presidents who do not want to be held responsible.

“To say that the Amethyst Initiative is a cop-out is an ad hominem argument that is not being handled well,” Mills said. “The issue is considerably more complex.”

Personally, after homecoming, I think there are quite a few people, well beyond their college years who could afford some lessons on drinking responsibly. I had my first alcoholic drink on campus over homecoming. I also had my second, but then I quit. Big deal.

It often seems like my generation isn’t given enough credit for being able to make responsible decisions, which is unfortunate. This is just another case of someone else telling us what’s best for us.

## The Student Forum: Commuter Students Feel Ignored and Abandoned by Administration

**Dear Editor,**

I am a Junior. I have found some great friends, had a lot of awesome teachers and in all other cases, had the chance to feel a part of the campus crushed viciously. I understand that some people will dismiss this little note as my opinion or a work of fiction. Others will think that I am just stirring up trouble because I dislike Saint Joseph’s College. However, I honestly do love campus and the atmosphere the students and teachers create. Let me also say here and now, I’m not singling people out. I’m not saying anyone is guilty or that one person should be blamed. I’m just saying things need to change.

This is how I feel. I dislike telling classmates that I’m a commuter because I get that combined look of pity, disdain, and shock. I dislike going into the cafeteria because I don’t have people to sit with or because I know I can eat cheaper at McDonalds. Especially because all that is offered at the college for commuters is a rather pathetic ten meal “block” you can buy. There is no nice Meal Plan A-Z. No Puma Points. Just ten meals I can get faster and cheaper at McDonalds. I’m not complaining needlessly. I went to ask what I could do. I question the cafeteria and I get “That’s a school policy.” I ask in an office I get “That’s a cafeteria issue.” I leave a note to discuss what options are open to change this for every commuter

student and I never get responded to at all.

A lot of you are telling me to go to student senate about right now. THAT is the proper channel for me. My answer to you, what student senate? As far as I know, the last day student representatives served two years ago. The only reason I know this is because I WAS that senator two years ago. It was a good day if they remembered I was there let alone that there even was a day student senator. I asked the next year about mid fall semester who the day student representatives were. They told me that they couldn’t find anyone. Okay, that’s fine. I understand. However, no e-mails were sent, no posters were on campus, in fact I’m not sure half of the commuters even KNOW how to get nominated to be in senate, let alone that there is a senate in the first place. We come from Rensselaer, Lafayette, Crown Point. How do you expect to let 300 people know what you need unless you connect them through e-mail?

Yes, I understand commuters have a responsibility to get involved on campus. That it is the individuals own choices that ultimately decide if you become involved on campus or not. But you know what, why should I get involved on a campus that doesn’t seem to want to include me?

So why am I writing this now? The final straw was the

Puma Guide. They gave lovely Puma Guides to every other student on campus. Then, told the commuters that they weren’t ordered for us. They told me the information was on the web that they would not be providing them. IT WAS NOT! The sad part is, I would have gladly paid for a Puma Guide. I love the planner because it allows me to stay connected to events on campus. It gives you times for events, for sports, and it tells you which weekend the Little 500 is on. Without this planner, I have no idea what is happening on campus. However, the real reason

why I am so upset is not because I didn’t get a planner. It’s because not receiving something that every other Puma was given sent me the message “You are not really part of this campus; we’re just letting you visit for a while.” Perhaps I am alone in my feelings. I understand that I might be the only person who even cares. But this is how I feel. I love SJC. I just wish they would love me back.

*Elizabeth Gray*  
*Junior English Major*

## Letters to the Editor

What are your thoughts about the minimum drinking age being 21? Should it be moved to 18? Do you think the Amethyst Initiative is a good idea?

Should the commuter students have received Puma Guides? What measures can the College take to make the commuter population feel more welcome on campus?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus? Are there issues you think need to be discussed? The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your formal letters to Mike Koscielny at [mkn6466@saintjoe.edu](mailto:mkn6466@saintjoe.edu) attached as a Word document.



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# Stephenie Meyer Breaks the Mold with the Twilight Series

By Erica Brown, Staff Writer

I am sure that most of you have heard about the Twilight series, because you are reading or you want to read, your friends are reading it, or your significant other is reading it. For those of you have never heard of the series, or have not had the time or want to read the series, please read on. Hopefully I will be able to change your minds and convince you to read this scrumtrulescent series.

The first book in the series, *Twilight*, introduces the reader to, Isabella Swan (Bella), the main protagonist throughout the series. In the book, Bella moves to Forks, WA, and meets the mysterious Cullens family, more specifically Edward, which sets her on a journey that will change the course of her entire life.

*New Moon*, the second book (and worst), begins with the separation of Bella and Edward. This book contains chapter after chapter of whininess and general emo-like behavior from Bella, although we do begin to get to know the character of Jacob, as well as the secret he is hiding.

The third book of the series, *Eclipse*, focuses on the love triangle between the three main characters. *Eclipse* also gives the readers back story for quite a few characters in the book, as well as concluding one of the major plot lines from the first book.

*Breaking Dawn*, the last and final(ish) book of the series, opens with a wedding, and keeps going downhill from there. The book deals mainly with the problems facing the newlyweds, as well as the problems in the resolution of the major love triangle.

While the series is full of action and mythical creatures, mystery and angst, emo-ness and



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romance, the books, especially *Breaking Dawn*, leave readers feeling much like we all did after *Deathly Hallows*, going WTF?!? In the previous three books, Meyer had setup a group of characters and plot that looked like it was heading away from the typical "Hollywood" type ending. The readers who were expecting the books to keep straying from the beaten teenybopper book path were sorely disappointed with the series.

Despite the deus ex machina style ending, the series does a great job of allowing the characters to deal with their problems and find solutions that can be unconventional. Meyer's writing style also manages to keep her readers guessing, from trying to figure out what is going to happen next, to trying to figure out who Bella will end up with. Meyer keeps you on your toes.

It should also be noted that this is a science fiction/fantasy series. If you do not like vampires, werewolves, or telepathy, then this series is not for you. However, you should also note that the books do not deal with witchcraft in any way. There is no waving of wands or fancy spells, just fight scenes where people tear other peoples' heads off. Also remember, that even though most of the characters are not human, they deal with many human emotions, as well as many of the problems we ourselves face day in and day out.

Despite my problems with *New Moon* and the ending of *Breaking Dawn*, I genuinely enjoyed reading the series, and had a hard time putting the books down. On the scale that I use to rate my books (it is entirely arbitrary), I would give this series a 9. So if any of you have time, pick up the series or borrow them from the fangirl nearest you.

Rating:



(Photo courtesy of <http://corvallibentonteens.blogspot.com/2008/06/preview-of-breaking-dawn-twilight-4.html>)

# Charlie Barlett Solves the Problems of His Coming-of-Age Peers

By Melissa Piskula, Staff Writer

*Catch Me If You Can* meets *Girl, Interrupted*? Well, not quite, but all the elements are there in this quirky movie that is directed by Jon Poll. The film stars Anton Yelchin, Robert Downey, Jr. and Hope Davis.

*Charlie Bartlett* is about an insanely spoiled rich teenager, who is forced to grow up way before his time and while doing so, he is forced to take care of his not-so-stable mother after his father is sent to prison. These burdens on our hero lead to him being kicked out of every private school he has attended. So what does this mean? Charlie Bartlett, welcome to the public school system.

This move from private to public school does not go over so well—Charlie walks and talks as though he still attends his previous school automatically making him a target for the school's bullies. It is not until he comes home from school with a black eye that we see how this family works. His mother is upset by the fight he was in, so naturally she did what any mother would do...she immediately made an appointment with the family's on-call psychiatrist. Now the story begins.

The psychiatrist believes Charlie is suffering from ADD, so he decides to prescribe him Ritalin. Because of how extreme his behavior gets while he is on the drug, Charlie figures as long

as he has the pills, he might as well make a profit. So, all he needs now is an astute business partner. Who does he turn to? The bully who beat him up; Charlie offers both his friendship and a proposition—if he can sell all the pills, he will come out with a fifty percent profit. Ritalin at a high school dance equals success. So, what he decides to do now is start a business, in which he will provide counseling and prescriptions to the kids who need it. The problem with playing doctor is once the pills are distributed, he does not know what the students are doing with them.

While all of this is going on, Charlie is starting to get to know the principal's daughter. The principal did not trust Charlie to begin with, but now that his daughter is involved, he decides it is only right to keep constant tabs on this kid. Once that starts, there is only trouble ahead. The principal's daughter has her own baggage, caused mainly by her alcoholic father. Charlie does what he can to help her, but reaching out to her father is not easy considering he just wants to find a way to put Charlie in his place.

What looms ahead for Charlie happens to be riots,



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misdeemeanors and overdoses. Not quite what the kid asked for.

*Charlie Bartlett* is a strange, engaging sort of film that does not exude perfection; if anything the movie addresses the fact that perfection does not exist. Seeing this kid go through all these problems, while finding time to listen to others and help them makes the film sort of inspiring. To some extent, yeah. The film manages to even be a little deep at times, which is surprising considering the film revolves around a mass of high school students.

If you are looking for a funny, smart coming-of-age film that manages to sustain its emotional backing, *Charlie Bartlett* would be worth renting.

# Coldplay Continues to Captivate

By Jordan Leising, Staff Writer

My first experience with the band known as Coldplay was during a production of the stage drama *Flowers for Algernon* my junior year of high school. Music was needed and the assistant director suggested the song "Fix You" from their then new album "X&Y." After hearing that song along with the context and theme of the play I was moved to tears. So, I asked one of my friends for their other albums to listen to. I became aware of the genius behind the rhythms and lyrics that were a part of Coldplay's first three albums.

When I learned that they had a new Album out "Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends," I was excited for this new adventure presented by one of the talented bands of the decade. During my first listening I had high expectations, and they were met and then some. From the title track and single "Viva La Vida" to others like "Strawberry Swing" or "42," you can't help but to stop what you're doing and appreciate the beauty of life that's brought out in this album.

In this new album, singer-songwriter Chris Martin has taken a different path from their three previous albums. "Parachutes" (2001), "A Rush of Blood to the Head" (2004), and "X&Y" (2006), had this feeling



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of a "bluesier," mellow kind of rock, comparable to Jeff Buckley and Oasis. "Viva La Vida" takes Coldplay on an adventure for the mainstream comparable to Panic at the Disco's new album "Pretty. Odd."

While their single "Violet Hill" hearkens back to their previous albums' style, it adds more bluesy undertones and more distorted guitar riffs. Their other single "Viva la Vida" adds orchestra to give this album new colors and timbre. Another defining character of this album

is it features less of Martin's signature falsetto, giving his lower registers precedence.

The album cover, which depicts a triumphant Lady Liberty holding aloft the French standard, proclaims that Coldplay has once again won over American listeners young and old with their catchy lyrics and foot-tapping rhythms. I can't wait for the next Coldplay album, and like this one, I shall hold high expectations and hope that those are met with a lot of room to spare.



## Advice for First Year Students and Final Year Seniors on Ways to Survive the Most Pivotal Years of their Lives

By Danielle Marshall, Features Editor

I typically procrastinate to the last second to complete tasks at hand. On rare occasions, I can be so on top of things that I have to dig through my pathetically jaded mind for something to keep myself busy. For this issue, I was doing the former.

At these times it takes me hours to think of what to write. Other times it just becomes a matter of ensuring that I am not distracting myself too much. The process of writing this article was interrupted by several preplanned distractions, sidetracking inconsistencies of my character (the urge to help my fellow editors), and my own whimsical distaste for why I agreed to participate in this endeavor of editing the Features sections.

Nevertheless, I have managed to decide on offering my advice to the Class of 2012 who will be struggling to find ways to cope with this new life away from the suckling breasts of coddling mothers and the temperamental rants of frigid fathers as well as advice to my fellow

seniors who will soon be suffering senioritis and crying out “What the hell am I going to do with the rest of my life?!”

I have settled on five things every freshman and senior should know in order to survive their first or final year at SJC. I am not meaning to ignore the sophomores and juniors, but I believe the most pivotal years for college students are that of their first and last years. My own sophomore and junior years, though stressing and exciting in their own unusual ways, were in no way comparable to the amount of adjustment I went through during my freshman year and the amount of anxiety I am feeling now as I face my impending future. And most of you know what you are doing right now. So please, take my advice, because I do not use any of it myself.

**Participate in more than one club:** Whether you are a freshman or senior, extracurricular activities is always a nice addition to any resume not to mention it expands your repertoire of

friends. It is never too late to join either. There are plenty of clubs that are all too willing to accept new faces and old friends. Some clubs

to try: Measure, MAC, Columbian Players, Habitat for Humanity, Cup o’ Joe.

**Be willing to make new friends:** It does not matter whether you are getting ready to leave school by graduating or you think you found your clique that will keep you forever, you can never have too many friends. Do not expect your friends from high school to continue to talk to you through the years; they are busy doing their own thing and making new friends as well.

**Begin planning ahead:** This applies mostly to freshman, but seniors can benefit from this tidbit too. It is never too early to start looking at grad schools and thinking about what you want to do after this year, not to

mention after college. For the undeclared majors out there, keep your options open but have an idea in mind.

**Find stress manage-**

## Take My Advice I don't use it anyway

**ment tools:** Some years require more of this than others. As a senior I am still developing the best ways to handle my stress. Take up little hobbies that are unrelated to what you are doing for class. Try knitting. Learn guitar. Work out. Find a friendly ear, either from home or down the hall that can help you vent without repercussions from yelling at the “supposed” source of your feelings.

**Trust yourself:** This may be one of the best examples of advice that I do not follow myself. Granted, I can definitely pull off a fabulous façade of an overly confident and caustic senior when I want. Mostly, I am a still just a fresh mind trying

to find herself before she is forced into the real world. For freshman, you have four years to find yourself and a way to trust your decisions. For seniors, you have a year to pull your crap together before you are thrown to wolves. You have to start taking responsibility for your choices before you find yourself torn to shreds by your own stupidity during drunken weekends. If you cannot find a way to trust your decisions, you will never make it. And the best way to begin is through baby steps.

Personally, I do not follow advice very well, let alone my own. I am very independently minded and so thoroughly jaded at this point in my life that I typically do the reverse of what others, including my inner voice, want me to do. Needless to say, I do not expect anyone to really follow my advice. But I hope that it will do some pathetic soul, if not myself, some good.

## Saint Joseph's College Harbors Top-Secret Government Experiments

By Andrew Dudich, Staff Writer

Over the past summer, several changes began to take place on campus. Are these simply steps to improve campus life or is there something deeper lurking beneath our noses?

Brilliant detective work has led me to believe that the United States government has secretly been using Saint Joseph's College as a beta test site for new technologies since the 1970's.

Early trials under this project led to failed experiments of rocket-powered unicycles, resulting in the famous fire of the administration building in 1973. Three major developments are currently active on campus of which all students should be aware.

Beginning this school year, Dining Services General Manager, Eric Braun, proclaimed that the cafeteria would be “going green” by serving meals without trays one day a week, conserving several gallons of water during dishwashing.

Perhaps more amazing is the concept of alternative fuel sources for human consumption. In the spirit of transforming food into fuel, such as corn into ethanol, the cafeteria will be entering a new age of cuisine technology through the science of



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.foamante.com/Movies/XYZ/XMen/Cerebro.jpg>)

alchemy. For the benefit of the environment, the cafeteria will be changing useless items, such as stones and Core books, into highly delectable food items, such as pizza and jello, which incidentally may explain the odd consistency many of these foods may have. The point is the preservation of our naturally grown foods so that they may be harvested for alternative energy. This is a monumental undertaking and is a high honor for the college to be the premier testing site for this cutting-edge technology.

While mentioning the cafeteria, I encourage you to take a deeper look at the glorious epitome that is contemporary architecture. I, of course, refer to the marvelous new ceiling. What

hides behind the artistic genius is the nanotechnology of the most brilliant minds on our planet. They have in fact implemented and installed the *X-men* inspired machine, Cerebro, into the cafeteria ceiling, giving us “Ceilingbro”.

The most recent use of this technological breakthrough was to aid in the management of small garden pests. “*Kill the Japanese Beetles!*” This brings up the difference in our machine and its fictitious counterpart. Sadly, Ceilingbro can only focus on beings less than a hundred pounds. This limits our control to creatures such as insects, small mammals, and our editor Mike Koscielny.

The final revolutionary project brings us to the father of

modern transportation—Willie Wonka. In the recent film, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the eccentric confectionary inventor pioneers the concept of “Wonka-vision”, or transporting objects via airwaves to different locations. The idea is that if sound and pictures can be transported in little pieces, why can't people?

Computer genius Professor Brian Capouch has taken Wonka's dream to heart and then one step further. We're going digital. With miles of Saint Joseph's networking cables in tow, Capouch is secretly working out of Drexel Hall, perfecting his abilities of

transporting objects to anywhere on campus. Most successful experiments are usually followed by a massive brownout of college internet capabilities. Although still in testing phases, sources confirm that he has succeeded in transporting two coat hangers and a mouse named Rupert to his second laboratory in Dwenger. Is it a coincidence that both of these buildings are off-limits to students? I think not! Although the government may try to prevent knowledge of these breakthroughs from getting to the public, the *Observer* is dedicated to exposing the truth about the world you live in.



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# Puma Football Kicks Off A New Season

By Dan Rogers,  
Staff Writer

Ah, yes. Puma football is here once again! With the first two games under their belts, the Pumas intend to succeed at home, and on the road.

The Pumas season got off to a bumpy start, when they faced Hillsdale College, and were beaten 49-6. Freshman quarterback Mike Hladik threw for 96 yards, including a 71 yard touchdown to Jashon Banks. Hladik also had one interception on the day.

After the Hillsdale game, Pumas linebacker, senior Payne Schoen spoke truthfully about this Puma football team. "Hillsdale was a good team and we weren't clicking on all cylinders. We have a very young team this year with not many returning starters. For a lot of the

guys, Hillsdale was their first experience in a college game."

There are only fifteen upper-classmen out of the eighty-one total members on the Pumas roster. Freshman wide receiver David Alexander is one of the many newcomers, trying to contribute to the team. "My goal this year is for me to help the team out as best as I can and hopefully things will fall into place from there," says Alexander.

The Pumas only have three home games this year, including homecoming. Many Pumas had mixed feelings about the unbalanced schedule. "When I first heard that we were only going to play three home games I was a little disappointed. I expected at least five!" said sophomore linebacker Cameron Cullers. "I love playing in front of our family, friends and professors. As a team we will be



(Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.)

able to appreciate it more when we do play at home," Cullers remarked.

Payne Schoen also commented on the situation. "Football games are football games whether you play them at Michigan Stadium or Saint Joseph's College. I would love to play all the games at home in front of our motivating Puma

fans, but we can't...so we have to become road warriors!"

Homecoming arrived for the Pumas against Kentucky State University, and many of the players could not wait to get onto the field. "Homecoming will be a really exciting game," said Cameron Cullers. "Last year, the Pumas defeated the Kentucky State Thoroughbreds 33-20, and were hoping for a repeat from the previous year."

With the support of the myriad fans at homecoming, the Pumas went into half-time with a 20-6 lead against the Thoroughbreds. But the defense could not stop Kentucky State running back, Andrew Ramsey, who rushed for 150 yards on 25 carries. The Thoroughbreds came back to win a heartbreaker against the Pumas, 31-27.

Junior running back Terrance Freeman carried 18 times for 84 yards on the day. Quarterback, Mike Hladik completed 13 of 25 passes for 139 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Sophomore Mack Ogletree snagged both of Hladik's touchdown passes for the Pumas.

The Pumas next opponent is Virginia State, where they hope to regain their composure in order to succeed in the 2008 season. Many Pumas, including Payne Schoen, are not discouraged by these last two games. "I have high hopes for this team," said Schoen. "We have to rely on the leadership from our quarterback and our returning starters on the O-line. We plan on bringing 'home' another conference ring to Saint Joe."

## Lady Pumas Spike Taylor University

By Shana Dempsey,  
Staff Writer

What makes our Lady Pumas volleyball team better than the other teams around? They've got smooth passes, low sets, hard hits, impressive blocks, and great determination.

Thursday, September 4th, our Lady Pumas dominated the court against Taylor University. In the first game against Taylor, our ladies pushed hard and won 25 to 21. Sammy Piazza, a junior at SJC, played a hard game up at the net and blocked almost every ball that came in her direction. Piazza deflected many of Taylor's spikes, but the ladies did not stop there.

"The last two years we played Taylor we started off the match winning the first two games and then they came back and beat us the next three games," said senior Robyn Bozych. "Finally, this year was different and we beat them in three straight matches."

With the ladies working hard together and junior Sara Cramer giving super serves, the Pumas



seemed unstoppable. The ladies gave Taylor no room to score and were pushing quite hard to win this game.

Despite the ladies slight struggle in the middle of the second game, the team managed to have some successful spikes

and brought the score up. The final score against Taylor University was 25-23, leaving our ladies with another win for the season.

"We expect a lot this season and to get there it's going to take a lot of hard work and believing in each other," says Bozych. "We have an awesome group of girls this year and if we continue to work together, we will definitely reach our goals."

The ladies next home game is Saturday September 13th against Kentucky Wesleyan at 1:00 p.m., so come on out and support the Lady Pumas!

### Lady Pumas Upcoming Sched- (All home games in bold)

- Sept 13 **Kentucky Wesleyan**
- Sept 16 **@ St. Francis (Ind.)**
- Sept 19 **@ Northern Kentucky**
- Sept 20 **@ Bellarmine**
- Sept 23 **Wisconsin-Parkside**
- Sept 27 **@ Southern Indiana**
- Oct 2 **Missouri Sci & Tech**
- Oct 3 **Quincy**
- Oct 4 **Missouri-St. Louis**
- Oct 10 **@ Drury**
- Oct 11 **@ Rockhurst**



(ABOVE: The Lady Pumas rally together after their decisive win over Taylor; UPPER LEFT: The Lady Pumas try to block a Taylor spike. Photos by Shana Dempsey)

## Men's Soccer Team Winning Streak Ended

By Clark Teuscher,  
Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team applied constant pressure on Tiffin University on Friday evening at Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Field in Rensselaer, but it wasn't enough as the Dragons walked away with a 2-1 victory over the Pumas courtesy of an overtime goal.

In the 32nd minute, the Pumas (2-1-1) struck first. Nick Filloon (Sr., Lebanon, OH/Bishop Fenwick) executed a beautiful goal of an assist from Tyler Kincaid (So., Avon, IN/Avon), giving SJC a 1-0 lead. The Puma defense handled the Dragon's attack for most of the game, forcing them into quick decisions and a minimum number of shots on goal. However, late in the second half, Tiffin's Ashton Campbell snuck through the defense and skipped a shot past Puma keeper Alex Makin (So., Warrawong, NSW Australia/Illawara).

In the game's final minutes, SJC relentlessly applied pressure to Dragon keeper Jeff Frisch, firing multiple shots that were either tipped away or ricocheted off the posts.

The score remained tied at the end of regulation, sending the game into sudden death overtime. The Dragons (2-2) secured their 2-1 victory in the 92nd minute when Roger Kummer dribbled a shot past the defense that skipped off the dewy grass and above the hand of Makin.

On Sunday, the Pumas battled Ashland University, also at home, in a highly contested back-and-forth game featuring eight goals in all. In the end, Ashland's offense was too hot, and SJC lost their second consecutive game, 5-3.

The Pumas (2-2-1) were shocked early by a Ross Ashley goal in the second minute. Bojan Adler (RSo., Lovran, Croatia)

answered quickly, however, scoring in the 12th minute on an assist from Tyler Kincaid. The score remained tied into the second half when Adler struck again off a rebound in the 59th minute giving SJC a 2-1 advantage.

The lead was short lived, however. Ashland (4-0) scored three consecutive goals, and the Pumas faced a 4-2 deficit. In the 76th minute, Greg Gehrig (Jr., Crown Point, IN/Lake Central) converted on a penalty kick to cut the lead to one but that's as close as the Pumas would get.

"This is a tough one to swallow because I think it was fairly simple things that let us down," said Head Coach David Bokhart. "More importantly, this is the second match in a row and third overall that we lost second-half leads. We are not going to win many GLVC games with that sort of record."

A long week concluded with the Ashland game, which was SJC's third in five days. On Friday, the Pumas travel to Indianapolis to open the 2008 Great Lakes Valley Conference season.

"I remain confident in the team and all the players," said Bokhart. We have a lot to build on from these first five matches. A year ago, we were 0-5 at this point, so we still have to consider the big picture."

### Men's Soccer Upcoming Schedule (All home games in bold)

- Sept 12 **@ Indianapolis**
- Sept 13 **@ Illinois-Springfield**
- Sept 19 **Wisconsin-Parkside**
- Sept 21 **Lewis**
- Sept 26 **@ Quincy**
- Sept 28 **@ Missouri Sci & Tech**
- Oct 3 **@ Oakland City**
- Oct 5 **@ Northern Kentucky**
- Oct 10 **Drury**
- Oct 12 **Rockhurst**



## The NFL Season Starts Off With A Bang

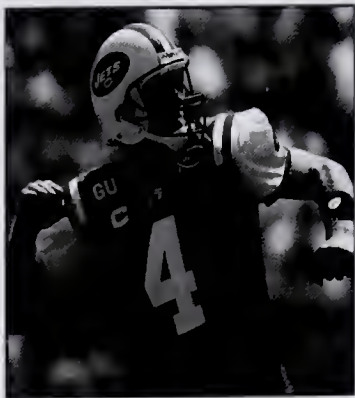
By Patricia Roeder,  
Staff Writer

It's here. It left us with Eli Manning victorious over the formerly undefeated Patriots, but now the excitement and the hype is back to entertain us all. The new NFL season is upon us.

Perhaps the biggest pre-season stories have been about the quarterbacks. Former Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning earned a little bit of attention when he followed doctors orders, and did not show up at the beginning of training camp. He had an "infected bursa sac" on his knee, the first time he had been physically unhealthy in his professional career.

Nothing has ever affected his playing ability before, and Peyton's condition caused a lot of swooning in the Colts' bandwagon. Peyton warmed up with the team in the last pre-season game, but did not take any snaps until the first week of the regular season. After a rusty game against the Bears, let's just hope Peyton's play is not further affected by injury. The same cannot be said, unfortunately, for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who went down with a season-ending knee injury in Week 1 against the Chiefs.

Quarterbacks have been the main subject for the Chicago Bears, but for an entirely different reason. Rex Grossman has had countless injuries and developmental hiccups, only to be replaced by Kyle Orton. Whenever Rex has been healthy he's played, but he's not always played well. Kyle Orton is not exactly known as a playmaker, either. The only reason the Bears were NFC Champions two years ago was because of the stunning defense led by Brian Urlacher. After seeing Grossman and Orton play in the pre-season, I wasn't too terribly impressed with either of them. I actually liked the third string quarterback, Caleb Hanie. He threw one more touchdown



Favre led the Jets to victory in Week 1. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.newyorkjets.com/image\\_assets/gallery\\_images/album\\_images/82702725\\_10.jpg?1220819143](http://www.newyorkjets.com/image_assets/gallery_images/album_images/82702725_10.jpg?1220819143))

than Kyle Orton in the pre-season, and is built like a bull! It takes a second-and-a-half for him to be sacked. I'm not saying that he'll be the starting quarterback down the road, just that I like him best.

The biggest pre-season controversy has got to be concerning former Packers' quarterback Brett Favre and the Jets. After all the drama ended, the Jets got Favre. But at what cost? In Favre's contract, there are some special guidelines [see right] regarding what the Packers will get in return for him. In the Jets first regular season game, Favre willed his way to victory against the Dolphins, led by the quarterback Favre ousted in New York, Chad Pennington. The Packers' Aaron Rodgers, meanwhile matched Favre in Week 1 by throwing and running for two total touchdowns, beating the Vikings 24-19.



Kyle Orton led the Bears to a win in their first game against the Colts. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.chicagobears.com/userfiles/image/default/Orton\\_inside\\_121507.jpg](http://www.chicagobears.com/userfiles/image/default/Orton_inside_121507.jpg))

### Brett Favre Trade Details

Here's how the Brett Favre trade works out for the Bears' division rival:

- If Favre takes 50 percent of snaps this season, the Packers get a third-round draft pick.

- At 70 percent of snaps and if the Jets qualify for the playoffs, Packers receive a second-rounder.

- If Favre takes 80 percent of snaps and Jets make the Super Bowl, Packers receive first-rounder.

- If Favre retires after one year and Packers get Jets' first-round pick, Packers would send Jets a fifth-rounder in 2010.

- Additionally, Favre must play in at least 50 percent of one playoff game for Packers to get that compensation.

- If Packers get second-rounder, Jets would get back sixth-rounder in 2010.

- If Packers get Jets' third-rounder, Jets would get seventh-rounder in 2010.

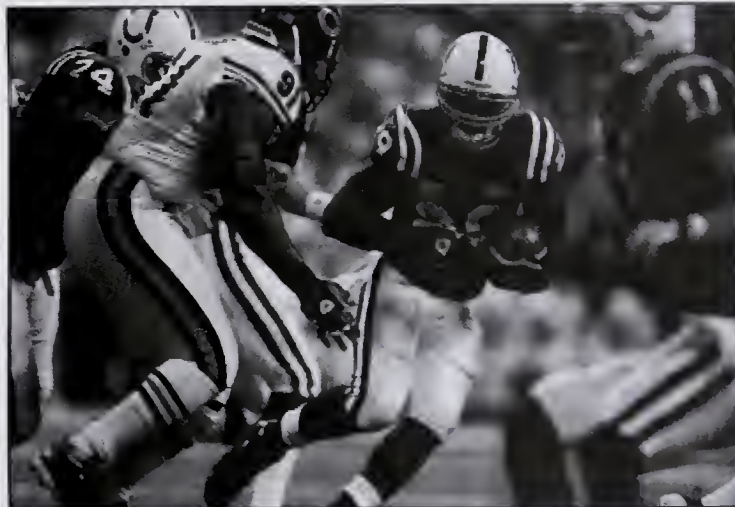
- The "poison pill" scenario: If Favre is traded to any team in NFC North, Jets would surrender three first-rounders to Green Bay. Trade also includes provisions preventing trade to another team if that new team were to trade him to NFC North.

## Bears And Colts Face Off Again With A Different Result

By David Spencer,  
Sports Editor

The Bears and Colts faced off in the recently opened Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Sunday night for the first time since Super Bowl XLI. This time, however, the Bears and their revamped offense poured the points on the Colts, flipping the result from two years ago, winning 29-13.

With the roof open on Lucas Oil Stadium, Peyton Manning tried to lead the Colts to victory, and although Manning made no obvious mistakes and did not turn the ball over, he showed some rust in returning to the game without practicing for most of the pre-season. Manning squandered two timeouts in the first quarter, and later wasted one in the third quarter before losing another timeout on a failed replay challenge. The usually efficient Colts struggled to manage the game or control the clock, and although the offense showed glimpses of their past explosiveness at times, they



ultimately could not put the ball in the end zone when it mattered.

Much of this should be attributed to the Bears' physical defense. Playing close to the line of scrimmage most the game, Urlacher and the Bears' linebackers attempted to confuse Manning for most of the game, and for the most part, succeeded.

The story of the game, however, was the success of the Bears' revamped offense. After losing their top passer, rusher, and receiver from 2007, Kyle

Orton and the Bears put up 29 points on a Colts defense that ranked first in the league last season in total points allowed. Explosive rookie Matt Forte ran for 123 yards on 23 carries, a franchise-record for a rookie making his first start. His longest run was a 50-yard scamper in the first quarter for a touchdown.

ABOVE: Jospeh Addai tries to run against Tommy Harris and the Bears' stifling defense. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.colts.com/images%5Cnews\\_photos%5Cgameday\\_chump%5C\\_jlv2775.jpg](http://www.colts.com/images%5Cnews_photos%5Cgameday_chump%5C_jlv2775.jpg))

## NASCAR Gears Up For The Chase For The Cup

By David Spencer,  
Sports Editor

The National Association for Stock Car Racing, or NASCAR as it is commonly known, is heading into their own playoff system in the final ten races in the Chase For The Sprint Cup (Sprint is the mobile phone company that sponsors NASCAR, not to be confused with sprint-car racing, which is something else entirely).

The final ten races of the NASCAR season are scored

differently than the 29 races that took place previously this year. In the final ten races, the top 12 drivers' points are reset and they alone compete for the championship, which concludes at the Ford 400 on November 16 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

This past weekend, the drivers in the Chase For The Sprint Cup were finalized, as Clint Boyer snuck in at number 12, securing his spot with other top drivers such as leader Kyle Busch, the backflipping Carl Edwards in second, third-place Jimmie Johnson, who won this

past weekend's race at Richmond, and other popular drivers like Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, and Jeff Gordon.

Just missing the cut was popular red-haired driver Kasey Kahne, who despite winning two races this season, had a rough month of August, posting two 40th place finishes.

2007 Indy 500 winner, Dario Franchitti, will return to open-wheel racing in the IRL next season after only competing in 11 NASCAR races in 2008, never finishing better than 22nd.

## Puma Football Profile: Rob Perricone

By Jamie Fennessy,  
Sports Writer



Rob Perricone is a redshirted senior linebacker for the Pumas. (Photo courtesy of Rob Perricone.)

### Where are you from originally?

I am originally from Hampton New Jersey, but I've spent the last couple summers out in Las Vegas.

### Red Sox or Yankees? Yanks

**Favorite College Football team:** Penn State Nittany Lions

### Who are you going to vote for?

I was a McCain man, but I have jumped ship and I'm going to vote for Barack Obama.

**Vanilla or Chocolate?** Definitely Vanilla

**Vegas or New Jersey?** Vegas Baby!

**What do you like to do in your free time?** "Drink a nice cool Budweiser!"

**Who's going to win the Super Bowl in 09'?** The Giants, they're gonna repeat.

**What is your favorite St. Joe football memory?** Starting a few games my freshman year was definitely a cool experience.

**Are you able to play this season?** No, actually I am an injury redshirt this year due to too many concussions, but I have one year of eligibility so I'll be back next year.

## Student-Athletes Win On And Off The Field

By Kynten Hannon,  
Staff Writer

As the SJC Community revs up for yet another sports season, athletes and athletic supporters alike are beginning to take out their Puma gear, brush the dust off from last season, and get their game faces on. While sports were created in the spirit of fun, people sometimes forget that the main objective of the game is to have fun as an athlete or to be entertained as a spectator. College students know their limitations when it comes to showing their school spirit. Athletes know their limitations when it comes to rules and sportsmanship. For those of you who have never found this limit, this is usually when you have a

professor, coach, or faculty member wagging a finger at you saying, "None of that". Or, should someone take this disregard for others to extremes, it may come from policemen or security personnel. Not only is this very demeaning and embarrassing to the athletes and other spectators, but it reflects poorly on the school responsible for the offender. As the athletes take the field, please remember that you, as spectators, are not only here to show your pride. You are here as a living testament of Saint Joseph's College. You are here to carry on the school's good



# Karma and the Cosmos



By Star Goddess Sophia

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)  
This month will bring a new level of excitement and change into your life. An interesting happening on the 17th may help to shape your career here at SJC. Use this experience and you might just reap rewards from your perserverance

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May. 19)  
Although you may have been affected by the horrendous virus that was traveling around campus you are now feeling refreshed and ready for change! This is different from your normally grounded attitude but is not necessarily a bad thing.

**Gemini** (May 20-June 20)  
You have been spending a lot of time in the HUB already this year and your financial situation (or that of your parents) is already suffering because of it. If you try taking

less trips, your mind, body, and soul will be in better harmony.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 21)  
You are feeling more capable of achieving your goals than ever before. Use that confidence in your classes and you may just find yourself with better opportunities in the future.

**Leo** (July 22-Aug. 22)  
Your dramatic personality can sometimes affect you at the worst times. But this month, that nature just might come in handy when you are given the opportunity to use it in something that will definitely please the campus as a whole.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)  
You have taken on quite a lot this semester. But in spite of this, your calm nature has not yet shifted. That nature may

help you with an issue that will arise in an activity or class on campus soon. Remain calm while others do not and you may find you can be quite helpful.

**Libra** (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)  
This semester you may be feeling a positive aura around your activities. Allow those feelings to take affect and you may just find something wonderful. Either way, you will feel yourself growing personally throughout the semester.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You are feeling quite secure this semester. Classes seem easier and you are making a great deal of progress. Just remember that your friends are important to you carrear at SJC as well.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)  
This semester, it is important that you prove to yourself that you can reach any of your goals.

A friend may bring you some helpful information soon which you will want to follow closely.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)  
The semester has started off with a bang for you and you feel busy already. Let yourself go a bit and try a new activity. The addition of friends may just make the stress melt away.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)  
Use that creative nature of yours on projects throughtout the semester. With creativity comes a good amount of fun and potential growth which may be useful to you later on.

**Pisces** (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)  
On the 20<sup>th</sup>, you may experience change which will affect you for the rest of the semester. Whatever occurs, try to remain true to yourself and you will find success in your endeavors.

## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for April 3  
(219) 866-2222  
fountainstonetheaters.com

**Babylon A.D.** (PG-13)  
Fri: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:50  
Sat: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:50  
Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00  
Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:00

**The Dark Knight** (PG-13)  
Fri: 3:40, 6:20  
Sat: 3:40, 6:20  
Sun: 3:40, 6:20  
Mon-Thurs: 3:40, 6:20

**The House Bunny** (PG-13)  
Fri: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:40  
Sat: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:40  
Sun: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50  
Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 6:50

**The Rocker** (PG-13)  
Fri: 2:40, 6:40  
Sat: 2:40, 6:40  
Sun: 2:40, 6:40  
Mon-Thurs: 6:40

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG)  
Fri: 4:40, 8:40  
Sat: 4:40, 8:40  
Sun: 4:40  
Mon-Thurs: 4:40

**Tropic Thunder** (R)  
Fri: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30  
Sat: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30  
Sun: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30  
Mon-Thurs: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

## The Ritz Cinema

Movies for April 3  
(219) 866-0086  
www.ritzcinema.net

**Step Brothers** (R)  
Every night at 7:30

Coming Soon

The Dark Knight

## Overheard

*If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to erm6109@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!*

*These quotes are taken from last semester. Try to give us something new to use for the upcoming paper!*

I would like to fill my pants.  
~  
I'll uncross my legs for you.  
~  
I need to get you on something.  
~  
There is a reason I thought of you when I read about the guy tying the girl to the tub.  
~  
God damn demons breeding like rabbits.  
~  
I do not give in to the carnal desires of men.  
~  
You took my \*\*\*\*ing spoon!  
~  
It's stretchy, but I can't get it off.  
~  
This atom has really good organelles.

## Completely Random Facts

A goldfish has a memory of about three seconds.

Apples are more effective at keeping people awake in the morning than is caffeine.

Every time you lick a stamp, you are consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

The average American drinks about six hundred cans of soda per year.

The first paperback book was printed (by Penguin) in 1935.

A person standing under an oak tree is 16 more times liable to be hit by lightning than if he had taken refuge beneath a beech tree. The oak tree has vertical roots which provide a more direct route to ground water.

Burger King uses approximately 1/2 million pounds of bacon every month.

Sloths take two weeks to digest their food.

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## Nota Bene

The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.  
**Dorothy Parker**  
(1893-1967)

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.  
**George Bernard Shaw**  
(1856-1950)

There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.  
**Aldous Huxley**  
(1894-1963)

## Bored?

### Things to do Around Rensselaer!

If you find yourself bored this semester, you may want to try going to a number o places around the Rensselaer area. Here are a few suggestions!

**Jasper Junction:**  
Open: Every Day from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Located: At the Corner of SR 231 and SR14  
Jasper Junction is a flea market located just outside of Rensselaer and is actually quite a fun place to visit with friends. There is a multitude of clothes, furniture, jewelry, holiday items, and just about any other random thing you may think of. Students also get a discount with a college ID.

**Fair Oaks Dairy Adventure**  
Open: Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Located: Just off of I-65 North at the Winimac Exit (number 220)  
Fair Oaks Dairy Adventure is comparable to the types of places you might have gone to on field trips as a child. You can tour the Dairy Farm where the products are made, visit a cheese store and purchase some products, and just take in a place that will bring you back to the days of childhood. Tickets are a bit pricey at \$10.00 a piece so you may want to save up a bit before making a trip out to Fair Oaks.

**Wal-Mart**  
Open: Seven Days a week until 10:00 PM  
Located: Just across the street from SJC (within walking distance)!

You may be surprised to see Wal-Mart up here as a place for bored SJC students to go and pass some time. Wal-Mart can be surprisingly fun when you go with the right people. It can also be quite a convenience with a lot of items available to the student body at a relatively good price. So, give Wal-Mart a try and the boredom may just fade away...

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